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It was in the dark at the foot of the stair,
Where after the dance I traced her,
I heard her step and I caught her there
And fondly kissed and embraced her.

She did not seem to take it amiss,
And finding myself in clover,
I wasn't content with a single kiss,
But I kissed her a dozen times over.

And I knew that I was not giving offence
To her, for she seemed to like it.
Ah, me! 'twas a blissful experience—
How lucky I was to strike it!

Then a light appeared and flight I took,
While my mind on distraction borders;
I had caught and been kissing the colored cook
Who was going up stairs for orders
Cape Cod Item.

THE LADY PENELOPE.

In going out of Casterbridge by the low-lying road which eventually conducts to the town of Ivell, you see on the right hand an ivied manor-house, flanked by battlemented towers and more than usually distinguished by the size of the many mullioned windows. Though still of good capacity the building is much reduced from its original grand proportions; it has, moreover, been shorn of the fair estate which once appertained to it, with the exception of a few acres of park land immediately around the mansion. This was formerly the seat of the ancient and knightly family of the Drenghards, or Drenchards, now extinct in the male line, whose name, according to the local chronicles, was interpreted to mean *Strenuus Miles vel Potator*, though certain members of the family were averse to the latter signification, and a duel was fought by one of them on that account, as is well known. But this is beside the story.

In the early part of the reign of the first King James there was visiting near this place of the Drenghards a lady of noble family and extraordinary beauty. She possessed no great wealth, it was said, but was sufficiently endowed. Her beauty was so perfect and her manner so entrancing that suitors seemed to spring out of the ground wherever she went—a sufficient cause of anxiety to the Countess, her mother, her only living parent. Of these there were three in particular, whom neither her mother's complaints of prematurity nor the ready raillery of the maiden herself could effectually put off. The said gallants were a certain Sir John Gale, a Sir William Hervy, and the well-known Sir George Drenghard, one of the Drenghard family before mentioned. They had, curiously enough, all been equally honored with the distinction of knighthood, and their schemes for seeing her were manifold, each fearing that one of the others would steal a march over himself. Not content with calling on every imaginable excuse at the house of the relative with whom she sojourned, they intercepted her in rides and walks, and if any one of them chanced to surprise another in the act of paying her marked attentions, the encounter often ended in an altercation of great violence. So heated and impassioned, indeed, would they become that the lady hardly felt herself safe in their company at such times, notwithstanding that she was a brave and buxom damsel, not easily put out and with a daring spirit of humor in her composition, if not of coquetry.

On one of these occasions which had taken place in her relative's grounds, and was unusually bitter, threatening to result in a duel, she found it necessary to assert herself. Turning haughtily upon the pair of disputants she declared that whichever should be the first to break the peace between them, whatever the provocation, that man should never be admitted to her presence again; and thus would she effectually stultify the aggressor by making the promotion of a quarrel a distinct bar to its object.

While the two knights were wearing rather a crestfallen appearance at her reprimand the third, never far off, came upon the scene, and she repeated her caveat to him also. Seeing, then, how great was the concern of all at her peremptory mood the lady's mood softened, and she said, with a roguish smile:

"Have patience, have patience, you foolish men! Only bide your time quietly; and, in faith, I will marry you all in turn."

They laughed heartily at this sally, all three together, as though they were the best of friends, at which she blushed, and showed some embarassment—not having realized that her arch jest would have sounded so strange when uttered. The meeting which resulted thus, however, had its good effect in checking the bitterness of their rivalry; and they repeated her speech to their relatives and acquaintances with a hilarious frequency and publicity that the lady little divined, or she might have blushed and felt more embarrassment still.

In the course of time the position revolved itself, and the beauteous Lady Penelope (as she was called) made up her mind; her choice being the eldest of the three knights, Sir George Drenghard, owner of the mansion aforesaid, which thereupon became her home, and her husband, being a pleasant man, and his family, though not so noble, of as good repute as her own, all things seemed to show that she reckoned wisely in honoring him with her preference.

But what may lie behind the still silent veil of the future none can foretell. In the course of a few months the husband of her choice died of his convivialities (as if, indeed, to bear out his name), and the Lady Penelope was left alone as mistress of his house. By this time she had apparently quite forgotten her careless declaration to her lovers collectively; but the lovers themselves had not forgotten it, and as she would now be free to take a second one of them, Sir John Gale appeared at her door as early in her widowhood as it was proper and seemly to do so.

She gave little encourgement; for of the two remaining, her best beloved was Sir Willian, of whom, if the truth must be told, she had often thought during her short married life. But he had not yet reappeared. Her heart began to be so much with him now, that she contrived to convey to him by indirect hints through his friends that she would not be dis-' pleased by a renewal of his former attentions. Sir William, however, misapprehended her gentle signalling, and excellent, though mistaken motives of delicacy, delayed to intrude himself upon her for a long time. Meanwhile Sir John, now created a baronet, was unremitting, and she began to grow somewhat piqued at the backwardness of him she secretly desired to be forward.

"Never mind," her friends said jestingly to her, (knowing of her humorous remark, as everybody did, that she would marry them all three if they would have patience.) "Never mind; why hesitate upon the order of tnem? Take'em as they come."

This vexed her still more, and regretting deeply, as she had often done, that such a careless speech should ever have passed her lips, she fairly broke down under Sir John's importunity and accepted his hand. They were married on a fine spring morning, about the very time at which the unfortunate Sir William discovered her preference for him, and was beginning to hasten home from a foreign court to declare his unaltered devotion to her. On his arrival in England he learned the sad truth.

If Sir William suffered at her precipitancy under what she had deemed his neglect, the Lady, Penelope herself suffered more. She had not long been the wife of Sir John Gale before he showed a disposition to retaliate upon her for the trouble and delay she had put him to in winning her. With increasing frequency he would tell her that, as far as he could perceive, she was an article not worth such labor as he had bestowed in obtaining it, and such snubbings as he had taken from his rivals on the same account. These and other cruel things he repeated till he made the lady weep sorely, and well-nigh broke her spirit, though she had formerly been such a mettle-dame. By degrees it became perceptible to all her friends that her life was a very unhappy one; and the fate of the fair woman seemed yet the harder in that it was her own stately mansion, left to her sole use by her first husband, which her second had entered into and was enjoying, his being but a mean and meagre thing.

But such is the flippancy of friends that when she met them and secretly confided her grief to their ears they would say, cheerily: "Never mind; there's a third to come yet," at which maladroit remark she would show much indignation and tell them they should know better than to trifle on such a solemn theme. Yet that the poor lady would have been only too happy to be the wife of the third instead of Sir John, whom she had taken, was painfully obvious, and much she was blamed for her foolish choice by some people. Sir William, however, had returned to foreign cities on learning the news of her marriage, and had never been heard of since.

Two or three years of suffering were passed by Lady Penelope as the despised and chidden wife of this man Sir Sohn, amid regrets that she had so greatly mistaken him, and sighs for one whom she thought never to see again; till it chanced that her husband fell sick of some slight ailment. One day after this, when she was sitting in his room looking from the window upon the expanse in front, she beheld approaching the house on foot a form she seemed to know well. Lady Penelope withdrew silently from the sick room and descended to the hall, whence, through the doorway, she saw entering between the two round towers which at that time flanked the gateway Sir William Hervy, as she had surmised, but looking thin and travel-worn. She advanced into the court yard to meet him.

"I was passing through Casterbridge," he said, with faltering deference, "and I walked out to ask after your ladyship's health. I felt that I could do no less; and, of course, to pay my respects to your good husband, my heretofore acquaintance. * * * But O, Penelope, th'st look sick and sorry!"

"I am heartsick, that's all, said she.

They could see in each other an emotion which neither wished to express, and they stood thus a long time with tears in their eyes.

"He does not treat 'ee well, I hear," said Sir William in a low voice. "May God in Heaven forgive him; but it is asking a great deal."

"Hush, hush!" said she hastily.

"Nay, but I will speak of what I may honestly say," he answered. "I am not under your roof, and my tongue is free. Why didst not wait for me Penelope, or send to me a more overt letter? I would have travelled night and day to come."

"Too late, William; you must not ask it." said she, endeavoring to quiet him as in old times. "My husband just now is unwell. He will grow better in a day or two, maybe. You must call again and see him before you leave Casterbridge."

As she said this their eyes met. Each was thinking of their lightsome words about taking them in turn; each thought that two-thirds of that promise had boen fullfilled. But, as if it were unpleasant to her that this recollection should have arisen, she spoke again quickly: "Come again in a day or two, when my husband will be well enough to see you."

Sir William departed without entering the house, and she returned to Sir John's chamber. He rising from his pillow, said: "To whom hast been talking, wife, in the courtyard? I heard voices there."

She hesitated, and he repeated the question more impatiently.

"I do not wish to tell you now," said she.

"But I wooll know," said he.

Then she answered, "Sir William Hervy."

"By G—! I thought as much," cried Sir John, drops of perspiration standing on his white face. "A skulking villian: A sick man's ears are keen, my lady. I heard that they were lover like tones.'" and he called 'ee by your Christian name. These be your intrigues, my lady, when I am off my legs awhile."

"On my honor," cried she, "you do me a wrong. I swear I did not know of his coming."

"Swear as you will," said Sir John, "I don't believe 'ee." And with this he taunted her and worked himself into a greater passion, which much increased his illness. His lady sat still, brooding. There was that upon her face which had seldom been there since her marriage, and she seemed to think anew of what she had so lightly said in the days of her freedom, when her three lovers were one and all coveting her hand.

"I began at the wrong end of them." she murmured. "My God—that did I,"

"What?" said he.

"Nothing," said she. "I spoke to myself only."

It was somewhat strange that after this day, while she went about the house with even a sadder face than usual, her churlish husband grew worse, and what was more, to the surprise of all, though to the regret of few, he died a fortnight later. Sir William had not called upon him as he had promised, having received a private communication from Lady Penelope, frankly informing him that to do so would be inadvisable by reason of her husband's temper.

Now when Sir John was gone and his remains carried to his family burying place in another part of England the lady began in due time to wonder whither Sir William had betaken himself. But she had been cured of precipitancy if ever woman were, and was prepared to wait her whole lifetime a widow if the said Sir William should not reappear. Her life was now passed mostly within the walls, or in promenading between the pleasaunce and the bowling green, and she very seldom went even so far as the high road which then skirted the grounds on the north, though it has now and for many years been diverted to the south side. Her patience was rewarded (if love be in any case a reward), for one day, many months after her second husband's death, a messenger arrived at her gate with the intelligence that Sir William Hervy was again in Casterbridge and would be glad to know it it were her pleasure that he should wait upon her.

It need hardly be said that permission was joyfully granted, and within two hours her lover stood before her, a more thoughtful man than formerly, but in all essential respects the same man, generous, modest to diffidence, and sincere. The reserve which womanly decorum threw over her manner was but too obviously artificial, and when he said, "The ways of Providence are strange," and added after a moment, "and merciful likewise," she could not conceal her agitation and burst into tears upon his neck.

"But this is too soon," she said, starting back.

"But no," said he. "You have passed eleven months in widowhood, and it is not as if Sir John had been a good husband to you."

His visits grew pretty frequent now, as may well be guessed, and in a month or two he began to urge her to an early union. But she counselled a little longer delay.

"Why?" said he. "Surely I have waited long! Life is short; we are getting older every day, and I am the last of the three."

"Yes," said the lady frankly. "And that is why I would not have you hasten. Our marriage may seem so strange to everybody, after my unlucky remark on that occasion we know as well, and which so many others know likewise, thanks to tale-bearers."

On this representation he conceded a little space for the sake of her good name. But the destined day of their marriage at last arrived, and it was a gay time for the villagers and all concerned, and the bells in the parish church rang from noon till night. Thus at last she was united to the man who had loved her the most tenderly of them all, who but for his reticence might perhaps have been the first to win her. Often did he say to himself, "How wondrous that her words should have been fulfilled! Many a truth hath been spoken in jest, but never a more remarkable one." The noble lady herself preferred not to dwell on the coincidence, a certain shyness, if not shame crossing her fair face at any allusion thereto.

But people will have their say, sensitive souls or none, and their sayings on this third occasion took a singular shape.

"Surely, they whispered, there is something more than chance in this. * * * The death of the first was possibly natural, but what of the death of the second, who ill used her, and whom, loving the third so desperately, she must have wished out of the way?"

Then they pieced together trivial incidents of Sir John's illness, and dwelt upon the indubitable truth that he he had grown worse after her lover's unexpected visit, till a very sinister theory was built up as to the hand she may have had in Sir John's premature demise. But nothing of this suspicion was said openly, for she was a lady of noble birth—nobler indeed, than either of her husbands, and what people suspected they refused to express in formal accusation.

The mansion that she had been left to her for she should choose having a rega coaxed Sir But in t

for one day when in the full tide of his happiness he was walking among the willows near the gardens, where he overheard a conversation between some basketmakers who were cutting the osiers for their use. In this fatal dialogue the suspicions of the neighboring townsfolk were revealed to him for the first time. On his return home he seemed to have aged years.

But he said nothing; indeed, it was a thing impossible. And from that hour an estrangement began. She could not understand it, and simply waited. One day he said, however, "I must go abroad."

"But why?" said she. "William, have I offended you?"

"No," he said; "but I must go."

She could coax little more out of him, and in itself there was nothing unnatural in his departure, for he had been a wanderer from his youth. In a few days he started off, apparently quite another man than he who had rushed to her side so devotedly a few months before.

It is not known when, or how, the rumors, which were thick in the atmosphere around her, actually reached the Lady Penelope's ears, but that they did reach her there is no doubt. Then a reason for her husband's departure occurred to her appalled mind, and a loss of health became quickly apparent. She dwindled thin in the face, and the veins in her temples could all be distinctly traced. An inner fire seemed to be withering her away. Her rings fell off her fingers and her arms hung like the flails of the thrashers, though they had till lately been so round and beautiful. She wrote to her husband repeatedly, begging him to return to her; but he, being in extreme and wretched doubt—moreover knowing nothing of her ill health, and never suspecting that the rumors had reached her also—deemed absence best, and postponed his return awhile, giving various good reasons for his delay.

At length, however, when the Lady Penelope had given birth to a still-born child, her mother, the Countess, addressed a letter to Sir William, requesting him to come back to her if he wished to see her alive, since she was wasting away of some mysterious disease, which seemed to be rather mental than physical. It was evident that his mother-in-law knew nothing of the secret, for she lived at a distance; but Sir William promptly hastened home, and stood beside the bed of his now dying wife.

"Believe me, William," she said, when they were alone, "I am innocent—innocent."

"Of what?" said he. "Heaven forbid that I should accuse you of anything!"

"But you do accuse me—silently!" she gasped. "I could not write thereon—and ask you to hear me. It was too much, too degrading. But would that I had been less proud! They suspect me of poisoning him, William! But I am innocent of that wicked crime. He died naturally. I loved you—but too soon; that was all!"

Nothing availed to save her. The worm had gnawed too far into her heart before Sir William's return for anything to be remedial now, and in a few weeks she breathed her last. After her death the people spoke louder and her conduct became a subject of public discussion. A little later on the physician who had attended the late Sir John heard the rumor and came down from the place near London to which he latterly had retired with the express purpose of calling upon Sir William Hervy, now staying in Casterbridge.

He stated that at the request of a relative of Sir John's who wished to be assured on the matter by reason of its suddenness, he had, with the assistance of a surgeon, made a private examination of Sir John's body immediately after his decease, and found that it had resulted from purely natural causes. Nobody at this time had breathed a suspicion of foul play, and therefore nothing was said which might since have established her innocence.

It being thus placed beyond doubt that this beautiful and noble lady had been done to death by a wicked scandal that was wholly unfounded, her husband was stung with a dreadful remorse at the share he had taken in her misfortunes and left the country anew, never to return alive. He survived her but a few years, and hisbody was brought home and buried beside his wife's, under the tomb which is still visible in the parish church. Until lately there was a good portrait of her, in weeds for her first husband, with a cross in her hand, at the ancestral seat of her family, where she was much pitied, as she deserved to be. Yet there were some severe enough to say—and these not unjust persons in other respects—that though unquestionably innocent of the crime imputed to her, she had shown an unseemly wantonness in contracting three marriages in such rapid succession, and that the untrue suspicion might have been ordered by Providence (who often works indirectly) as a punishment for her self-indulgence. Upon that point I have no opinion to offer—Longman's Magazine.

A Modest, Sensitive Woman

often shrinks from consulting a physician about functional derangement, and prefers to suffer in silence. This may be a mistaken feeling, but it is
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Remarkable Memories.

There was a Corsican boy who could reheare 40,000 words, whether sense or nonsense, as they were dictated, and then repeat them in the reversed order without making a single mistake. A physician, about sixty years ago, could repeat the whole of "Paradise Lost" without making a mistake although he had not read it for twenty years. Euler, the great mathematician, when he became blind, could repeat the whole of Virgil's "Aeneld," and could remember the first line and last line of every page of the particular edition which he had been accustomed to read before he became blind.

One kind of retentive memory may be considered as the result of sheer work, a determination toward one particular achievement without reference either to cultivation or to memory on other subjects. This is frequently shown by persons in regard to the Bible. An old beggar man at Stirling, known fifty years ago as "Blind Aleck," afforded an instance of this. He knew the whole of the Bible by heart, insomuch that if a sentence was read to him he could name the book, chapter and verse, or if the book, chapter and verse were named he could give the exact words.

A gentleman to test him repeated a verse, purposely making one verbal inaccuracy. Alick hesitated, named the place where the passage was to be found, but at the same time pointed out the verbal error. The same gentleman asked him to repeat the ninetieth verse of the seventieth chapter or the Book of Numbers. Alick almost instantly replied: "There is no such verse. The chapter has only eighty-nine verses." Gassendi has acquired by heart 6,000 Latin verses, and in order to give his memory exercise he was in the habit daily of reciting 600 verses from different languages.—Spare Moments.

A Clever Smuggling Scheme.

A string of sausages floated idly around in an eddy between two Pacific coast steamship docks two hours the other day. They popped up from somewhere, nobody knew where. The City of Pueblo had been thoroughly searched and nothing contraband discoverd. Customs Inspector Critcher, standing guard on her deck, suspected nothing, but fretted by the persistency of the sausages in floating in the slip instead of following the tide, called out to two boatmen to take them out of the water. The boadmen did so, and it was found that every "sausage" had a fine silk fish line tied to it, at the end of which dangled a box of opium wrapped in oiled silk. There were 2,200 boxes in all, worth nearly $3,000. The "sausages" were scraps of cork wrapped in tarpaulin and linked with cord, each link being loaded with sufficient salt to sink it about a foot under water.—San Francisco Letter.

Too Modest to be Honest.

"Are you the editor of the paper?"

"I am. What can I do for you?"

"Well, I thought I'd step up and see how you are. My wife and I are going to Cape May to-morrow."

"Indeed?"

"Yes; but I wouldn't have anything said about it in print, of course. My name is Simpkins—Azariah Simpkins."

"Glad to meet you, Mr. Simpkins, I'm sure."

"Now don't go to puttin' anything into the paper about our going away. We start at 4 o'clock, and I reckon we'll be gone pretty near a month. I need the rest, and Mrs. Simpkins was getting run down. Of course I know how anxious you newspaper men always are for an item, but we are plain people and don't want any notoriety. My wife always likes to see 'Simpkins' spelt without a 'p,' but the old-fashioned way is good enough for me. Well, I know an editor's time is valuable, so I'll say good day. If I come across any murders or anything while I'm gone I'll let you know about them."

Paper Horseshoes.

It seems not unlikely that a change is imminent in the method of shoeing horses for military work. The German papers are devoting a great deal of attention to the discussion which is now going on in the military world as to the advisability of substituting compressed paper for iron in horse-shoes for the German cavalry and artillery. After many experiments under all manner of conditions it has been found that the shoe which appears to be most worthy of adoption is made up of sheets of parchment paper cemented together with a special cement, composed of turpentine, Spanish white, lac and boiled linseed oil. The separate pieces are stamped out, cemented and pressed together in a hydraulic press. When dry the shoe thus formed is rasped into the exact form and size required.

If you suffer with nasal catarrh, you need no one to describe your symptoms or suffering. We prescribe, however, Old Saul's Catarrh Cure. safe sure and pleasant and only 25 cents.

If your baby is s those troubles that teething, don't Dr. Bull's

The Transcript

ABRAM VANDEGRIFT,

EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

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Thursday Afternoon, Feb. 5, 1891

MR. GEORGE D. KELLEY, cashier of the People's Bank of Middletown is a candidate for the office of county treasurer. If Mr. Kelley is not elected to that very important position the Republican members of the levy court don't know a good man when they see him. Mr. Kelley has been cashier of the People's Bank and a resident of Middletown since the organization of that bank in 1883. He has been a useful citizen of the town and served as town treasurer with signal ability; he has made hosts of friends in the neighborhood. As a business man he is as good as the best and is thoroughly competent to conduct the office in a way acceptable to the people. The appointment of Mr. Kelley would be very satisfactory to the people of New Castle county.

THE *Morning News* tries to show that THE TRANSCRIPT had referred in a harsh manner to Mr. Nathaniel Williams, Mr. Francis N. Buck and Mr. George D. Medill. These gentlemen we consider above reproach and would on no account refer to them in any way that could be considered impolite. They are, one and all, men worthy of respect. It looks as if arguments were scarce in the *News* office just at that time. The *News* also accuses THE TRANSCRIPT of advocating the passage of a bill which it had always condemned; this is far from true; we always advocated the passage of the bill, but advocated, as best we could, certain changes which we considered necessary.

We are aware of no inconsistency in what we have said and would inform the *News* that we know of no concern in Wilmington or elsewhere which furnishes editorial matter for Democratic papers; that there is such a source of Republican editorial matter we learn from Republican authority.

WE PRESENT this week a statement of the case of Justice of the Peace, Thomas Bratton, of Townsend, who is charged by levy court commissioner Hutchinson of Appoquinimink hundred, with attempted bribery. Mr. Bratton emphatically denies any connection with any such scheme and is willing to make affidavit that he never made any proposition to Hutchinson which could be so construed. It is now a question of veracity. Mr. Bratton's statement is entitled to consideration; however this may be, the State owes to the people of Appoquinimink hundred and New Castle county an investigation of the charge. If Mr. Bratton is guilty he is unfit to hold a Judicial office. If Mr. Hutchinson is guilty of so serious an offense as swearing falsely he is not the man to occupy the office of levy court commissioner and should be made to suffer the penalty for a most heinous offence.

THE NEW levy court was organized Tuesday last and is now ready for business. One of the first and most important acts was the adoption of a resolution appointing a committee to investigate the accounts of the levy court for some years back, as well as any charges of extravagance which may be made. All this is well enough if the investigation is carried on in a non-partisan way. Any search after unrighteous acts of the old court must be carried on with a clear and undoubted purpose to benefit the people, not merely a hounding of the old members. It is to be presumed that the committee appointed for this purpose will heed the warning furnished by the Sussex levy court appointed two years since to carry on a similar investigation.

The actions of that committee became a stench in the nostrils of all honest men and that such was the fact was abundantly proved by the overwhelming defeat of the Republican party in Sussex last year. Such downright uselessness and brazen partisanship as characterized that committee would settle the fate of any similar organization. We believe, however, that the gentlemen who constitute the committee in this county are reliable men and that they will be advised by an attorney who is above reproach. If there is anything wrong in the accounts let it be known; the people should know all the facts.

ONE of the bills now before the Legislature provides for the adoption of the "Myers system" of voting. In this system a machine known as "The Myers American Ballot Machine" is used. The machine is constructed entirely [illegible] uld doubtless last [illegible] as it remained [illegible] be about as [illegible] oting as [illegible] first goes [illegible] his [illegible] for [illegible] poor [illegible] an" and its color is red; the third column is headed "Prohibition" and its color is blue. The voter finds all the knobs standing out from the key-board, and if he wishes to vote a straight Democratic ticket he begins at the top of the row headed "Democratic" and pushes in every knob till he reaches the bottom; he is powerless to vote more than one ticket because the instant a knob is pushed in, it, as well as the knobs opposite becomes locked, and they so remain until the voter has passed out of a different door from the one by which he entered; the opening of this outlet unlocks all the knobs and leaves them in the proper positions for the use of the next voter. If a voter wishes to split his ticket he may push in, for instance, the knob at the top of the Democratic column; when he does this the corresponding knobs at the tops of the other columns become locked so that they cannot be pushed in; he may then push in the second knob in the column headed "Republican," but if he endeavors to push in the corresponding knob in the Democratic column he finds it locked and unmovable; he may go on down the rows of knobs and vote for whom he chooses, but it is impossible for him to vote for more than one man for the same place; it is also impossible for him to vote more than one ticket for the chosen candidates. So far as preventing fraud is concerned the machine is certainly a success; no repeater can "beat" it by any possible means, and as it registers the whole number of votes cast as well as the number of votes cast for each candidate, and as these registers are so arranged that they cannot be touched by the election officers, it is impossible for the officers to increase or decrease the number of ballots. Another good point is that the register shows at the end of the day the whole number votes cast, thus enabling the officers to make their return in a very few minutes.

The objection which is of greatest importance is found in the fact that such a machine might get out of order at such a time that many voters would be unable to vote; the only way to overcome this objection would be to provide some other way of voting in case of a breakdown and this would be dangerous because the provisional mode might be so pleasing to some class of voters that they would break the machine on purpose. Another objection is found in the great cost of taking care of the great number of machines during the time between elections; the State would have to supply an officer for this purpose who would have to be a reliable man. If the machines should be left to the care of the people of the various districts they would soon become worthless. It is also thought by many persons that as the constitution requires that the elections shall be "by ballot," that any means whereby the use of a ticket printed or written on paper is done away with is not constitutional.

Maryland Matters.

A gentleman living in Worcester county, near the Wicomico line, and who is a frequent visitor to Salisbury, claims to have a mule that can trot a mile in 2.30. It is asserted that he has been offered $1,000 for the animal, which offer was refused.—Wicomico News.

The Cecil Telephone and Telegraph Company of Cecil county was incorporated last week with a capital stock of $2,000. The company now has wires connecting Port Deposit, Colora, Town Point, Rising Sun, North East, Singerly, and Chesapeake City. Connections will be made with other places.

Governor Jackson has pardoned Jeff Davis and George Tawes, oyster dredging captains, convicted in the Circuit Court for Kent county at the April term, 1890, of shooting at the police schooner Helen M. Baughman, and sentenced to pay a fine of $100 and to be confined in the penitentiary for one year from May 2d, 1890.

Townsend Topics.

—Mrs. W. G. Knotts is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

—Miss Maggie Jones is the guest of Mrs. E. B. Phillips.

—Mr. Geo. M. D. Hart was in Chestertown, Md., last week.

—Mrs. Ella Watts was the guest of friends in Wilmington on Friday.

—Miss Mary V. Watts was the guest of Mrs. W. A. Scott on Monday.

—Miss Emma Choate spent Saturday and Sunday at her home in Newark, Del.

—Miss Estella M. Vandyke has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. W. A. Scott for several days.

—Miss Katie Hutchison and Miss Mollie Gill are the guests of Miss Bertha Bedmile at Kennedyville Md.

—Charles Hutchison, a telegraph operator on the Del. R. R. is spending a few days at his home, near town.

—Mrs. W. A. Scott and Miss Estella Vandyke spent last Tuesday in Middletown the guest of Mrs. Wm. Taylor.

—Miss Nina G. Scott spent last Friday in Middletown and Saturday in Philadelphia, the guest of Miss Mable Taylor.

—J. S. & W. Lattomus are improving the interior of their store by a new coat of paint. Changes have been made which when finished will make quite a improvement in their place.

ROCKE.

Abner Coker, colored, who died recently near Kenton, bequeathed [illegible]

[illegible] predicts the coming [illegible] wave of the winter [illegible] February 6. [illegible] prediction of [illegible] ticut, save [illegible] t to the [illegible]

LEGISLATIVE DOINGS.

(Correspondence of THE TRANSCRIPT.)

DOVER, DEL., Feb. 4.—

Last week was a memorable one in the Legislative annals of Delaware, and in years to come it will be referred to when close Legislative work is talked about, as a red letter week. Of course the Five Commissioners Bill and the Sussex Hundred dividing bills were the bones of contention, and the merits of the measures have been so thoroughly canvassed that it would be but repetition to repeat them here. It is rather to note the circumstances which prevented these very meritorious and desirous measures from being enacted into laws in time to prevent perhaps further mismanagement in county affairs that the subjects are here taken up.

As the readers of THE TRANSCRIPT were informed last week the bills alluded to passed the House, despite the futile attempts of the Republican minority to obstruct their passage. Each of them before being finally passed was sifted in its every feature and all objections met and explained. That they would also have passed the Senate, had not Senator Williams unfortunately been taken ill, was the general impression here. But, though for years they have been clamoring for the very change this bill proposes in New Castle county, the Republican Senators, it was of course known, would vote as a unit against it, no matter what its provisions, and hence the bill with its Sussex companions yet remains in the House. That all of them will pass eventually and with very little change from their present status when Senator Williams returns, may be set down in advance as a foregone conclusion. A feature of all the contest over these measures that it may be well to note incidentally is the attempt to cast odium on the actions of Speaker Donahoe of the State Senate. Partisan spleen plainly crops out in all that. It must be remembered that the position of Speaker Donahoe all through last week was an onerous one. Here he stood, the sole representative of the Democracy of New Castle county, leader of the State Senate, which by the votes of the people was made Democratic, yet by a combination of circumstances over which the Speaker had no control was unfortunatly not only "tied" Republican, but was really, for at least three days, Republican by a majority of one. Here was a position for a man whom his constituents looked to to take care of their interests.

The Senators were all gentlemen, it is true, but there advisers were partisans, and with a majority of one what could not the Republicans do were they to obey the behests of their partisan advisers. He took the only course open to him, watched every move on the part of his political opponents and checkmated them, until the return of Senator Hall gave him a "tie" again. Ever since Friday the Senate has been in this condition. Here the grave and reverend Senators have sat watching each other till their eyes fairly ached, each side fearing even to walk out in the corridor, and thereby break the tie in the chamber. It was only yesterday that this strain on the Senators was lifted. Then Senator Pilling drew up articles of agreement declaring a truce, which was signed by every member of the Senate. This agreement sets forth that until Tuesday next, no "partisan" or "political" Legislation should be attempted. This broke up the strain and now the Senators can be seen occasionally in the corridors.

On account of this very hitch, the wheels of Legislation have been in a measure clogged, and but very little of importance has been transacted. The most important law enacted has been the new insurance law. This in a nut shell reduces the license fees all around exactly one-half, and puts the whole matter in the hands of the Insurance Commissioner. It is now a law. Among the New Castle bills passed by the House were the acts of incorporation of the Geo. W. Bush Company; the Geo. H. McCall Company; the Delaware Construction Company; the St. Peter's Beneficial Society; the Ferris Reform School and the Wilmington City Loan Association. Among the big bills in hand are two secret ballot bills, one the Astralian method and the other a bill to adopt the Myers American Voting Machine, and the two bills to revolutionize the militia system of the State. The military men were down here to-day in force to fight both these bills. One of them wipes out the National Guard entirely, and the other simply rubs out the encampment feature.

A bill which is attracting attention now is one to provide for the publication of the laws in a certain number of newspapers. This is a step that Delaware should have taken long ago, there is little doubt of its passage. In every way it will be beneficial; the people by this means can become thoroughly posted on all changes in laws, which information in no other way can be generally disseminated. On Friday next the peach growers of the State will be heard on the yellows question.

General News.

Patrick Ryan, a Lafayette, N. Y., farmer, drove his team into a quarry and was kicked to death by his horses.

A man registered as Fred Evans, England, cut his throat with a razor in his room at the Astor House, New York, and died. There is no scrap by which he may be identified.

Russell C. Canfield, of Demondale, Mich., who confessed to having [illegible]ally murdered little Nellie Griffin, [illegible]raigned in court at Charlotte, [illegible]nd was sentenced to imprison.

Wedding.

STEWART—WALTER.

About seventy-five relatives and friends assembled on Thursday, Jan. 29, 1891, at the residence of Mrs. Emma Walter, 1200 Jefferson St., Wilmington, Del., to witness the marriage of her daughter, Marian, to Rev. Kensey Johns Stewart of Delta, Pa. The day was dull and cloudy, but the smiling faces of friends shone on the bride and atoned so far as possible for the lack of sunshine without. The rooms were decorated with cut flowers and festoons of delicate vines and flowers in the bay window formed a graceful arch, under which the bridal party took their places.

At exactly 2 o'clock the happy couple entered the parlor preceded by the ushers, Messrs. Robert Kemp and William Lackey, cousins of the bride, with Miss Katharine Cleaver of Port Penn, as maid of honor attended by Mr. Edwin Walter, the bride's brother. The ceremony which made these twain one was performed by Rev. Mr. Hyde of York county, Pa. assisted by Rev. Mr. Moore of Doylestown, Pa., both classmates of the groom at Lafayette and at Princeton. The bride was lovely in a gown of white landsdowne and silk entrain, veil and orange blossoms, and carrying a bouquet of roses. The groom's gift to the bride was a bracelet with lock and key, a golden fetter which bound her a willing captive to her lord and master. Miss Cleaver wore white albatross with drapery and sleeves of lace, and carried a bouquet of pink roses and carnations. After the ceremony an elegant repast was served, after which Mr. and Mrs. Stewart took the train for Baltimore.

Among those present were Mrs. Maria Danby, Mrs. Thos. Kemp in cream China silk, Mrs. John Danby in white silk and lace, Miss Lulu Gregg in white silk, Mrs. David Curlett in pink silk, Miss Florence Ramo in pearl henrietta with cut steel trimmings, Mrs. Charles Burton of Titusville, Pa., in heliotrope velvet and brocade, Mrs. Wm. Lackey in black silk, Miss Emma Stewart of Port Penn, in heliotrope cloth with roses, Mrs. Dr. Stewart in black silk, Mrs. Rufus Stewart in ecru and black velvet, Miss Sarah Cleaver in black velvet, Miss Florence Hall in blue silk and white lace, Miss Marian Janvier in black silk, Miss Maggie McMullin in cream albatross and lace, Mrs. J. B. Vandegrift in brown silk, Miss Sue Vandegrift in brown velvet brocade, Mrs. Joseph Cleaver in black silk, Miss Jeannie Wright in black silk and pink tulle, Miss Maggie Smedley in electric blue cloth and velvet.

Among the gentlemen present were many of the groom's friends among the clergy and some of his parishioners from Delta. Also Messrs. John Danby, James Danby, Wm. Lackey, Thos. Kemp, Rev. Kensey Hammond of Wilmington; Messrs. Henry Cleaver, Joseph Cleaver, Dale Stewart, Henry Price, Thos. Dilworth, Will McMullin and Boyd Cleaver of Port Penn; Dr. David Stewart of New Castle; Rufus Stewart of Newark and Dr. Phillip Cleaver of Philadelphia. The presents were many and beautiful. A silver tea service, two chamber sets, china dinner set, cabinet and hall rack, from friends in Delta; an ellegant escritoire, silver water pitcher, the usual assortment of knives, forks and spoons, china tea set, a piano lamp, several pictures, an easel, two tables, two fur rugs and a fur lap robe, besides many other beautiful articles of silver and glass, dainty bric-a-brac, and decorative articles from the fingers of loving friends.

Chicago papers recall that Secretary Windom once said in a speech there that the first thing he did upon his first visit to that city, in its early days, was to spend seventy-five cents for a dinner, and he had always regretted ever since that he hadn't gone without that dinner and invested the amount in Chicago real estate.

Business Locals.

Fifty farm gates for sale by G. E. HUKILL.

"Atlas" and "Wadsworth" Paints are the best; therefore, the cheapest.

G. E. HUKILL.

THE MARKETS.

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY JOHN W. JOLLS.

WHEAT—No. 2 red	100	New cobs	Corn 72@ 58c
Steamer No. 2,	95	CORN	58c
Timothy Seed	2@	Yellow, shelled,	@58c
Clover Seed, per lb	9	Oats,	@50c

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. M. REYNOLDS & CO.

Eggs, ₩ doz	17@20
Butter, ₩ lb	20@25
Lard, ₩ lb	8@10
Potatoes ₩ basket	40@50
Chickens ₩ lb	10@12

Miscellaneous Adv's.

A cream of tartar baking powder. Highest of all in leavening strength.—U. S *Government Report Aug. 11, 1889.*

REGISTER'S ORDER.
REGISTER'S OFFICE,
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL.,
JANUARY 30, 1891.

Upon the application of Thomas H. Gilpin, Administrator of Sewell Green, late of St. Georges Hundred, in said county deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register that the Administrator aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters of Administration upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public places of the county of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by An act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the Middletown TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein two months.

Given under the hand and Seal of Office of the Register aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

JOHN K. BRADFORD, Register.

NOTICE.—All persons having claims against the estate of the deceased, must present the same, duly attested to the Administrator on or before January 30, 1892, or abide the act of assembly in such case made and provided.

THOMAS H. GILPIN,
Administrator.

Address: Middletown, Del. Feb 5 2m

Town Lots for Sale.

I NOW OFFER AT PRIVATE Sale a number of desirable and nicely situated Town Lots on West Green Street, Middletown, Del., also a very few choice lots on South Broad Street. These lots are nearer the business centre of the town of Middletown than any other good lots in the market, and will be sold on the most reasonable terms. Apply to

E. R. COCHRAN,
Middletown.

New Advertisements.

PUBLIC SALE
—OF—
VALUABLE STOCK.

The undersigned intending to discontinue farming will sell at public sale on

Tuesday, February 10,

1891, at 10 o'clock A. M.,

at his residence near Jamison's Corner.

12 Head Horses, Mules and Colts

No. 1—NETTIE, bay mare, 12 years old, good driver, perfectly safe for lady to drive.
No. 2—JOHN, brown horse, 12 years old, an excellent worker.
No. 3—TIP, brown horse, 9 years old, an excellent worker, will work in all harness.
No. 4—CHARLIE, bay horse, 7 years old, a very fine driver and will work anywhere.
No. 5—MACK, bay horse, 7 years old, an extraordinary horse in all respects, remarkably fine and pleasant driver, good worker in any place and cannot be surpassed.
No. 6—MOSCOW, bay stallion 4 years old, broken in all harness, sire Bashaw, dam by King Alfred.
No. 7—LADY, gray mare, 4 years old, an excellent driver, broken in all harness.
No. 8—SNOWBALL, gray mare, 12 years old, an excellent driving mare, can trot in less three minutes, has a very fine colt by her side.
Nos. 9 and 10—FLASH and FLIRT, pair of dun mules, 7 years old, cannot be surpassed by any team in the county, perfectly gentle and not breachy.
Nos. 11 and 12—Pair brown mules, 9 years old, good workers.

25 Head of Cattle,

consisting of 13 Milch Cows, some with calves by their side and others will be fresh by day of sale. They are a finejot of cows and close attention has been given to their selection. All of them are home raised 12 head of two and three year old heifers and steers. This is a fine lot of young cattle having been raised only from the best cows.

10 Head of Shoats

to be sold by the pair.

FARMING IMPLEMENTS:

2 iron axle farm wagons, all in good order; 2 Self Binders, one of them has only cut 40 acres of wheat, ox cart, 1 two-seated family carriage, 1 milk dearborn, nearly new, 1 sleigh and bells; 1 horse rake, Little Diamond cultivator, 2 hay riggings, nearly new; 1 Buckeye mower, feed cutter grind stone, 1 ten tooth Pennsylvania drill, 2 farm bells, 1 Reid creamery, 1 corn sheller, carriage pole, set double harness, nearly new, 3 sets of wagon harness, 6 sets plow harness, collars, bridles, etc., shovels, hoes, forks, etc., No 9 Niagara cook stove.

☞ Some Household and kitchen Furniture.

1 15-Gallon farm boiler, and other articles too numerous to enumerate.

CONDITIONS OF SALE:

All sums of $20 and under, cash; on all sums over that amount a credit of 10 months will be given by purchaser giving a bankable note with approved security. No goods to be removed until conditions are complied with.

O. V. JAMISON.

S. M. ENOS, Auct.
M. B. BURRIS, Clerk. P. J. LYNCH, agent to effect sale.

PUBLIC SALE!

The undersigned will sell at Public Sale on the Smack Farm, on Town Point road on Bohemia Manor, about 1 mile from Cayott's Corner, on

Wednesday, February 11th,

At 10 o'clock A. M. sharp,

The following stock and implements:

10 Horses, Mares and Colts
ONE MULE,

17 Head of Good Cows,
TWO BULLS,

2 yearling heifers, 3 fine brood sows and 20 shoats and pigs.

FARMING IMPLEMENTS:

1 Osborne mower, 1 grain drill, 1 mower, 3 good farm wagons, 3 hay riggings, nearly new; 1 new log roller—made by Mets, Chesapeake City; 1 Kalamazoo grain fan, 1 new top mill dearborn, 1 no top, 1 buggy, 1 horse rake, 1 wheel cultivator, 5 iron cultivators, 4 plows, 1 set peach springs, 2 twin harrows, 2 brier scythes, 1 new scythe and cradle, 2 new ½ bush. measures, 2 sets britch wagon harness, 1 set carriage harness, 2 pairs double wagon lines, 5 bridles, nearly new; 6 horse collars, nearly new; lot of plow harness, 1 new cross cut saw, 1 new grind stone, 1 clover seed sower, 1 hay knife, 4 milk cans, nearly new; lot of milk pans, tubs, etc., lot of double and single trees, lot of hay and dung forks, maul, wedges, axes, post spade, hoes, etc. Lot of corn knives, 1 churn, butter print, scales, etc.

TERMS OF SALE—All sums of $15 and under, cash. All over that amount a credit of 10 months will be given the purchaser giving his note with approved security, bearing interest from date, payable at the National Bank of Elkton.

W. SMITHERS.
SHOCKLEY & SMITH, Aucts. jan8-st

Wanamaker's.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Feb. 2, 1891.

Gloriosa. Was ever a name more fit? The first comers of the new stock are here. Not a loveliness missing, fresh graces, if possible. This is their third season. They've grown in everybody's liking from the start. As marvelously rich in the dark shades as Lansdowne is in the light; twin sisters in gracefulness; loveliest of all the colored silk-and-wools.

For out-door wear the airiest and fairest of all the rich weaves is Gloriosa. Irridescent as a humming-bird's breast; aglow with a changing glint that no other woven stuff has. Crisp, but soft.

Two widths, 40 inches (almost 41 by the yard stick), plain, $1.50; 48 inches, plain and stripes, $1.75. And such shades!

blues	grays
Browns	Olives
tans	amethyst

Best goods in every way.

Those art-full Glasgow Gingham men have set a hard pace for the rest of the cotton-weaving world. On the counters to-day you can see for the first time *four* new conceits in their Ginghams.

Daintiest and dressiest of the lot, perhaps, are the polka dots—big and little—woven in pretty, contrasting colors on the filmiest Zephyr Gingham. All the favorite ground colors heightened by beauty spots. You need to see them to sense their full lovelines. 60 cents a yard.

In another style broad lace stripes give richness and tone to a stuff already in the front rank. In still another there is an over-plaiding of Chenille cord, giving almost as much lift to the beauty of the as embroidery does to swiss or cambric. Either of these styles 50 cents.

A satin-twilled Check ends the newcomer list for the day. Quietly rich, modestly handsome. The more you see of it the closer it gets to your liking. 45 cents a yard.

Cunard and Galatea Stripes, Do you know them? There you have a cotton that will stand grief and come up smiling all the time. No nonsense about a cunard or a Galatea. Try to tear a piece—with the warp or across it. Makes you think of leather for toughness, doesn't it! But it's a dressy cotton for all that, and not overly heavy. Just right for tennis, or boating, or every-day suits for women or children. English mothers know all about it. American mothers are fast finding it out. Cunard, 30c; Galatea, 25 and 40c.

The special sale of Muslin Underwear won't last much longer. Four samples:

Gown—Good Muslin Gown, Mother Hubbard yoke of 8 rows of Hamburg insertion between fine plaits, neck, yoke and sleeves trimmed with match pattern embroidery, 63c.
Skirt—Good Muslin Skirt, plaited Cambric ruffle with plaits above, 45c.
Drawers—Good Muslin Drawers, neat Hamburg ruffle with plaits above, 50c.
Corset Covers—Good Cambric Corset Covers, high neck, trimmed with neat Hamburg edge, 25c.

$6 worth of Long Blanket Shawl for $3.50. Look at them. They tell their own story. Browns in plaids and with plain centres.

JOHN WANAMAKER.

DUNNING'S

CLOSING-OUT SALE!

Having decided to discontinue business and wishing to dispose of ALL my stock I will sell out at cost.

Books by Standard Authors,
Booklets, Frames,
Plush Goods,
Manicure Sets, &c.
Full Line Barbetine Ware,

D. L. DUNNING,

MAIN ST., MIDDLETOWN.

REGISTER'S ORDER.
REGISTER'S OFFICE,
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL.,
JANUARY 19, 1891.

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JOHN K. BRADFORD, Register.

NOTICE.—All persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same duly attested to the Executor on or before January 19th, 1892, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

THOMAS H. GILPIN,
EXECUTOR.

Address: Middletown, Del.

For Sale and For Rent

VALUABLE PROPERTY FOR SALE.

Evaporating Plant

In Middletown, Del.

Good building, 60 by 130 feet; 1 good 50-horse power boiler, 1 engine 20 horse power, 500 new seives, all new and in good order, 3 steam evaporators, 2 hot air evaporators, good as new. Everything necessary to a first-class evaporating plant on hand. These buildings can be used for any kind of manufacturing business and are conveniently located near the Delaware Railroad.

This property will be held for private sale until the first of June, 1891. If not sold before that time the whole plant will be offered at public sale.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that I shall apply to the present General Assembly of Delaware for an absolute divorce from my wife, Ann Barber, Blackbird, Del.

jan29-5w JOHN BARBER.

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Thursday Afternoon Feb. 5, 1891

MAILS CLOSE GOING NORTH—7.34, 11.16 a. m 4.50, p. m.

MAILS CLOSE GOING SOUTH—9.18 a. m. and 7.33 p. m.

Church Directory.

MIDDLETOWN M. E. CHURCH.

Rev. Albert Smith, Pastor.

Preaching every Sabbath at 10.30 a. m. and 7.00 p. m. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 2 p. m. Alfred G. Cox, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 7.30 o'clock. The class meetings are held as follows: Sunday, 9 a. m., M. D. Wilson, Leader; Monday evening as 7.00 o'clock two classes, W. H. Moore and John B Roberts, Leaders; Tuesday evening at 7.30, led by the pastor; Wednesday evening at 7.00 o'clock two classes, Rev. Albert Sm—th and Alfred G. Cox, Leaders. The sats aree free and all are welcome.

FOREST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. Francis H. Moore, Pastor.

Services held every Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7.00. Sabbath school will be held every Sabbath morning at 9.15 o'clock. Harry Ellison Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening.

Services at Armstrong's chapel the first Sabbath of each month at 2.30 p. m.

ST. ANNE'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Rev. J. Beers, Rector.

Divine Service on Sunday mornings at half past ten o'clock and in the evenings at half past seven. Sunday-school at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Services Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Town Notes.

—The Clayton base ball club has been re-organized for the coming season.

—FOR RENT.—A good sized comfortable dwelling house on East Main Street. Possession given March 25th. G. W. W. NAUDAIN.

—George Evans, living near town had one of his fingers badly injured on Monday by getting it caught in a chain which he was using to pull up peach trees.

—Colen Ferguson who has operated a general store at Clayton for about one year past, has removed to Blackbird and will take the store there recently kept by C. B. Satterfield.

—The Young Men's Social Club will give their next dance sometime after Lent. The one Thursday night last was one of the most brilliant affairs given by the club since its organization.

—The Young Ladies' Guild of St. Anne's church will give a "Yellow Tea," in the chapel, Friday evening, February 6th, for the benefit of their Guild. Chicken salad, ice cream, coffee, etc., will be served. Doors open at 4.30 o'clock.

—List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post-office, which can be had by saying they are advertised: Philip Banks, Squire Brighton, E. Guise, William Hover, Emma S. Hill, Lavinia Ruey, W. H. Science, A. R. Vandyke, Charles Wallace.

—Wednesday next, February 11th, being Ash-Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten season, there will be Divine Service in St. Anne's Church at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. The public are cordially invited to attend these special services in Lent.

—"La Grippe," in a somewhat modified form, has made its appearance in Middletown and in portions of the county. Numerous cases are reported, but none of them are of a serious nature. The symptoms are the same as those developed in the cases of last year, but not so severe.

—The programme for the public reception of J. P. Dunning of the Associated Press staff in the Opera House on Monday evening includes music by the Middletown Orchestra, a speech of welcome to the guest of the occasion by the Hon. N. B. Smithers, and a recital of his Samoan experience by Mr. Dunning. H. A. Nowland will preside at the public reception.

—On Friday evening February 20th, the "Shubert Quartette" of Chicago, will give an entertainment in the Opera House here, for the benefit of the Volunteer Hose Company. The public are cordially invited to be present as the entertainment will be first class in every particular. The proceeds are to be devoted to the use of the Hose Company for purchasing some badly needed equipments. The general admission will be 35 cents, reserved seats 50 cents; for sale at W. S. Letherbury's.

—Among the social events of the past week was a progressive tiddledywinks party, on Monday evening at the residence of Dr. R. B. McKee and given by Miss Allie McKee in honor of Miss Sallie Dawkins of Florida, who is now her guest. About thirty young ladies and gentlemen were present. The game of Tiddledywinks was not neglected and the best part of the evening was passed with it. Miss Dawkins received the lady's first prize and Mr. J. C. Kelly the gentleman's first prize, the former wining 21 and the latter 20 out of 28. The lady's booby prize was won by Miss Mary Bucke and the gentleman's booby prize by Mr. Will. Lockwood. The evening was a very enjoyable one.

—The new creamery was started last Monday. The quantity of milk received the first day was 5000 pounds which is very good for this season of the year. Before the old creamery was burned 7000 or 8000 pounds were usually received. Many of the patrons of the Middletown creamery have been going to Townsend and Odessa since the fire, but in a few weeks they will nearly all return, especially those who are nearer to Middletown than to the other places. It is not expected by the company that many of the old customers will be lost. The new building is about 35 by 65 feet, is fitted out with the best machinery to be had and is far more conviently arranged than was the old building. The ice machine which was almost entirely destroyed in the fire will probably not be replaced this year. The insurance on the old building has been nearly enough to pay for the new one, and has been promptly paid. During the interval between the burning of the old creamery and the starting of the new, the merchants of Middletown have suffered from a serious falling off in sales. Everyone is glad to see the creamery again in operation.

—We would again remind our readers of the entertainment and open camp-fire to be given by Major John Jones Post next Monday evening. The reserved seats are selling fast and from present indications there will be a full house. No pains are being spared to make it a success. The Middletown orchestra will furnish the music.

—The Social Circle met at Mr. G. H. Houston's on Friday eve last. Among those present were Mr. G. H. Houston and wife, S. S. Holten and wife, A. S. Eliason, wife and daughter, G. D. Kelley and wife, J. Frank Eliason and wife, Janvier Woods and wife, Miss Myrtle Houston, Miss Helen Naudain, Mrs. John Rothwell, G. W. W. Naudain and wife, R. L. Naudain and wife, J. M. Naudain and wife of Baltimore, James T. Eliason, Walter Beaston and sisters, J. M. Rothwell, wife and daughter and Mr. Sam Kelley. Together with games, music and dancing time flew rapidly by until the hour of midnight arrived, when after partaking of a sumptuous repast, and tendering a vote of thanks to the host and hostess for their liberal hospitality, the company adjourned to meet on Friday next, February 6th, at the home of Mr. Janvier Woods.

Personal Mention.

—Clarence Prettyman of Smyrna, was in town yesterday.

—Mrs. Josephine Smith of Oxford, Md., visited relatives here last week.

—George Janvier, Esq., of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with friends in town.

—Miss May Hasslet of Philadelphia, has been the guest of Miss Mary Bucke the past week.

—Mr. O. L. Bell of Wilmington, visited friends and relatives in town one day last week.

—John Gray, Esq., superintendent of public schools of Sussex county, was in town this week.

—Miss Lizzie Mason of Wilmington, has been visiting friends and relatives in town this week.

—Miss Mamie McWhorter of St. Georges, has accepted a position with her brother in Pittsburg, Pa. She left for that place Tuesday.

—Mrs. Anna Grubb, formerly a resident of the town, but now Atlantic City, N. J., was the guest of friends here on Monday.

Roll of Honor.

AVERAGE 95 OR OVER.

ROOM, No. 1.—Samuel Kelley, Thomas Kibler, Reese Parker, Samuel Rothwell, Harry Tatman, Lizzie Parker, Harry Rothwell, Edith Clayton, William Brady, Harry Ellison.

ROOM, No. 2—Mary Maxwell, Ada Cochran, Florence Merrit, Ethel Brady, Daisy Naudain, Nellie Ernest, Sallie Jolls, Mary Dunning.

ROOM, No. 3—Ella Jarrell, Evelyn Littleton, Susie Parker.

ROOM, No. 4.—Lee Corrie, Cochran Clark, James Merritt, Walter Green, Myrtle Gary, Bertha Roberts, Dora Culbertson, Bessie Crouch, Jessie Culbertson.

ROOM, No. 5—Willie Carty, Addie Clayton, Tony Crouch, Bessie Merritt, Nina Gary, George McCleary, Mary Holten, Queenie Dodd, Charlie Tolbert, Grover Tolbert, Bessie Craddock, Eva Whitlock, Bertha Gary, Elwood Reed, Lloyd Warren.

MIDDLE NECK SCHOOL.

The following is the general average of Middle Neck school for month ending January 30th; Annie Redgrave, 100; Alrissa Redgrave, 98.9; Estella Short, 98.5; Amanda Fortner, 98; Archie Crawford, 96.3; John Fortner, 96.1; Cornelius Goldsborough, 96; Ella Fortner, 96; Nellie Jackson, 94; Sallie Jackson, 93.5; Earl Goldsborough, 92; Austin Goldsborough, 91; Harvey Goldsborough, 88;

Coming Sales.

Saturday, February 7—Stock and farming implements of the late Wm. Polk, on farm now occupied by John L. Clothier, two miles from Middletown.

Tuesday, February 10—Stock and farming implements of O. V. Jamison near Jamison's Corner. S. M. Enos, auctioneer.

Tuesday, February 10—Personal property of Mrs. M. A. McCoy, on road from Blackbird to Blackbird landing.

Wednesday, February 11—Stock, implements and household furniture, etc., of Thomas J. Johnson, on the road leading from St. Georges to Mt. Pleasant. S. M. Enos, auctioneer.

Wednesday, February 11th.—Stock and farming implements of W. Smithers on the Smack Farm, on Town Point road, Bohemia manor, one mile below Cayott's Corner. Shockley & Smith, auctioneers.

Tuesday, February 12—Personal property of John R. Howell, on the Roger's farm, near Taylor's Bridge.

Tuesday, February 17—Stock and farming implements of George L. Townsend, at the residence of W. F. Cavender, in Pencader hundred, one mile north of Summit Bridge. S. M. Enos, auctioneer.

Tuesday, February 17—Property of Mrs. M. A. Walker, on the farm of H. R. Walker, 1¼ miles from Middletown.

Wednesday, February 18th.—Stock and farming implements of D. M. Cochran, 2½ miles north of Middletown. Sale to take place at 9 o'clock sharp. S. M. Enos, auctioneer. N. Williams, clerk.

Thursday, February 19—Executor's sale of the personal property of William Green, deceased.

Tuesday, February 24—Personal property of Dr. L. F. Ellison, near Summit Bridge. Shockley & Smith, auctioneers.

Thursday, February 26—Stock, farming utensils, household goods, etc., of George E., and David H. Hopkins, administrators, on road leading from Wrangle Hill to Delaware City, on the Hollywood farm, lately the property of Barney Reybold, deceased.

Horses are dying in Cedar Creek and Little Creek hundreds of some unknown disease. J. W. Anderson of Little Creek lost one recently and when he hauled it out into the woods he found five other dead horses that had been hauled out by other persons in the neighborhood.

AN EMPHATIC DENIAL.

'SQUIRE BRATTON OF TOWNSEND SAYS HE DID NOT TRY TO BRIBE LEVY-COURTMAN HUTCHINSON.

Levy Court Commissioner David H. Hutchinson of Appoquinimink Hundred has made an affadavit charging Thomas Bratton Justice of the Peace at Townsend, and William Herbert of New Castle with trying to bribe him to resign his seat so that the Governor could appoint a Democrat in his stead. A representative of THE TRANSCRIPT yesterday visited the office of Esquire Thomas Bratton at Townsend in order to get the 'Squire's version of the bribery case. Mr. Bratton is a very intelligent gentleman of about sixty years of age and a man who is regarded by his neighbors as thoroughly honest and reliable. He holds an office, that of Justice of the Peace and Notary public, which is not often filled by unworthy men. Mr. Bratton was found in his office attending to his public duties, apparently oblivious of the sensation which the comprehensive affadavit of Levy Court Commissioner Hutchinsou had created, but when that unblushing act of self-condemnation was mentioned he frankly and honestly refuted it in almost every point. One of the first weak points in Mr. Hutchinson's statement is the particularity with which the time and date are mentioned as "about 7 o'clock in the morning of Friday, January 23d last."

Mr. Bratton can remember no particular act done that day which would cause Hutchinson to remember so distinctly the day and hour of his alleged interwiew with 'Squire Bratton. Hutchinson also states that on the same day 'Squire Bratton had intimated that W. A. Scott would contest his, (Hutchinson's), right to a seat in the Levy Court; this 'Squire Bratton emphatically denies and declares he never mentioned any such thing to Hutchinson. In his affadavit Hutchinson again declares that on one occasion he entered the 'Squire's office and sat down six feet away from the 'Squire when the 'Squire asked him to move nearer as the talk was of a very private nature. This statement 'Squire Bratton declares to be entirely false and remembers that Hutchinson sat down at the desk beside him when he first came into the office. In another place Hutchinson swears that 'Squire Bratton asked him if there could be any inducement offered sufficient to cause him to resign. To this question Hutchinson swears that he answered "No, nothing under the heavens." In another part of the affadavit Hutchinson swears that when 'Squire Bratton asked him if he could be induced to resign, that he replied! "Well I don't know, what is the amount?"

It does seem somewhat strange that a man whom "nothing under the heavens" would induce to resign, should go right back to the same place and ask the same man the question, "what is the amount?" In every instance 'Squire Bratton answered this question by declaring that he had no authority from any one to state any amount, that he knew nothing whatever about the offer of any money for any such purpose, and that he supposed that if Mr. Hutchinson was interested and could find someone who was willing to pay, he might get $1000, or even $1500. Then Hutchinson remarked that $1500 was "a big pile of money," that he was "a poor man," and that "$1500 would enable him to stock a farm."

Mr. Bratton emphatically denies all that part of Hutchinson's statement connecting Mr. Herbert's name with the affair.

The way in which Mr. Bratton was connected with the supposed offer of money to Hutchinson is explained by the fact that at the time of Hutchinson's election he was not a free-holder as the law requires, and in order to qualify himself he had certain valueless land deeded to him, and the deed was acknowledged before 'Squire Bratton. Hutchinson was informed by the 'Squire that for certain reasons the deed might not be legal and so cause him to be unable to qualify as a member of the Levy Court. Hutchinson then remarked that if that deed was not sufficient he had another which was, and Mr. Bratton then advised him to produce this deed which was known to be good and to not produce the questionable one. This action on the part of 'Squire Bratton does not show a disposition to keep Hutchinson out of the Levy Court but rather the reverse. In this connection it may also be stated that it would seem that had 'Squire Bratton or others had any evil designs against Hutchinson they would rather have prevented him taking his seat by questioning this deed than by offering him a great sum of money which they were unable to produce.

Mr. Bratton has cleared Mr. Herbert from any connection with the matter and stands alone. He is held blameless by his neighbors and friends who know him best and is regarded as superior in every way, to his accuser.

Lost! $10 Reward!
Solitaire diamond ring.
THIS OFFICE.

State Items.

Spencer Swain, of Georgetown, killed a hog last week that had two hearts.

Sheriff Cole sold the property of J. B. Mifflin, in Smyrna on Monday. It was sold subject to a mortgage of $2,300.32, and was purchased by George F. Jones, of Dover, for $710.

John Burris, of Blackiston's Cross Roads, and Miss Florence Burris, of Queen Anne's county, Md., were married at 9 o'clock last Wednesday morning at the Smyrna Circuit parsonage, by Rev. R. K. Stephenson.

W. V. Harper, of Reybold, Delaware, charged with the embezzlement of funds and securities of the National Life Insurance Company of Montpelier, Vt., was given a hearing before Justice Sesse in Wilmington Tuesday, and held for court. Mr. Harper was the local agent for the company for the territory comprising, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

The New Levy Court.

Considerable interest was attached to the organization of the new levy court on Tuesday. The six new members, all Republicans, were sworn in. Mr. Buckingham was elected chairman and E. G. Bradford, Esq., attorney for the levy court. Mr. Jolls of this hundred offered the following resolutions:

Whereas the levy court of New Castle county and the Trustees of the Poor of said county have for some time past been frequently and publicly charged by responsible citizens and the public press of said county without regard to party, with extravagance, wastefulness and illegality in their management of the financial affairs of said county.

"And, whereas, it deeply concerns the public welfare that the truth or falsity of said charges should be ascertained to the end that whatever abuses may be found to have been committed in the premises should be exposed and corrected and just reparation secured.

"Therefore be it resolved, that a committee of five members of this body be appointed by the chairman to thoroughly investigate the conduct of the said levy court of this county and the expenditures of this county, and the expenditures of the said Board of Trustees during recent years, and to report to this body as soon as conveniently may be any and all abuses, by way of extravagance, wastefulness, or irregularity, which shall be found to have been committed; and that said committee shall be and is hereby authorized and empowered to employ a skilled accountant to be selected by it, to assist in the examination of the books, accounts and papers of the said levy court and Trustees of the Poor."

In moving its adoption Mr. Jolls called for an aye and nay vote. The court was polled and every member voted "aye." Chairman Buckingham appointed the following committee: Jolls, chairman; Gillis, Simpler, Eliason and Sutton.

Mr. Gillis moved the adoption of the same rules as adopted by the court of February 8, 1889, with an amendment to rule 24, the new rule being as follows: "Any rule may at any time be amended, repealed or suspended, or any new rule adopted by an affirmative vote of a majority of all the members of the court; or in case notice of any proposed amendment, repeal, suspension or adoption of any rule shall have been given in the court on any previous day, in such case such amendment, repeal, suspension or adoption may be affected by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present."

Mr. Jolls offered the following resolution: "That the tax collectors of this county shall submit to the court their bonds, with approved surety, within six days after their election." It was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Clark, William Flemming and Thomas Reardon were re-elected bailiffs at the Court House by a unanimous vote.

At the meeting of the court in the afternoon Mr. Jolls offered the following resolution which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Some doubt exists in the minds of some of the members of this body as to the legality of renewing the promisory notes of the county for its floating indebtedness.

Resolved, That the matter be referred to the attorney with the request that he render his opinion in relation thereto to this court to-morrow (Wednesday) morning at ten o'clock.

Yesterday morning Attorney E. G. Bradford, Esq., complied with this request and gave the Court his opinion which, by the way is quite lengthy. The chief point, however is that part of the opinion refering to the renewal of notes which were lawfully given. Mr. Bradford believes that these notes must be paid out of the taxes of the year succeeding that in which they were made, and that a failure so to do is illegal. It is probable that some action for the relief of the county will have to be taken by the Legislature. The Levy Court is now revising the assessment lists, and it will be some time before any other buiness of importance can be transacted. The appointment of Collectors, Constables, bridge-tenders, &c., will be an important feature of the work for some time to come, as the candidates are almost innumerable.

A Murderous Assault.

George Ditmore, a German about 75 years old, who resides with his wife, Christine, on a small farm about two and one-half miles below Chesapeake City, was terribly assaulted Monday night, and in all probability will die from his injuries. Some person entered the house about nine o'clock and proceeded to ransack the rooms. Mr. Ditmore, who was in bed at the time, was struck on the head with a heavy club. He cried "Murder!" and his wife, who is also over 70 years old, started up the stairs with a lamp in her hand. As she reached the top she was struck on the head with a club, and the lamp was demolished.

The assailant and would-be robber then kicked out a window sash and jumped to the ground below. Mr. Ditmore's injuries are of a serious nature, all the bones being broken beneath his eyes, his nose crushed to a jelly, and he presents a fearful appearance. He was sent to Philadelphia on the Ericsson Line steamer from Chesapeake City to a hospital. He is not expected to recover. Mrs. Ditmore has a bad cut on the head. The club used was a heavy board about a yard long. The old couple lived by themselves. State's Attorney William S. Evans investigated the matter Monday afternoon. The tracks of a man were followed from where he had jumped from the window to a cottage occupied by Alfred Stout, a colored man of about thirty years.

Stout was arrested, but denies all knowledge of the assault, but it is generally thought that he is the guilty person.

A New Castle jeweler has sold to Rev. C. H. B. Turner, of Tyler, Texas, a large clock which belonged to Cæsar Rodney, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Twenty-nine prisoners, all fine "and costs" men, made their escape from New Castle Jail on Saturday morning. The exit was made from the bum cell at the north end of the corrider. The night warden did not hear them. There were 44 men in the cell, but the balance declined to go, prefering to remain and enjoy themselves until their terms expired.

[HALF] A CITY.

[ONE] OF A WEEK IN A THRIVING TOWN.—PERSONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST.

—Miss Bessie Mills of Wilmington, is visiting Miss Annie Ogle.

—Mr. Fred Morris of Philadelphia spent Sunday at his home here.

—Mr. Bernard Cahill of Philadelphia, visited friends here last week.

—Mrs. P. Gunning of Philadelphia, visited Delaware City on Tuesday.

—M. F. Hines will open a gun and locksmith shop at his home here this week.

—The first dip in the Delaware lock on Tuesday brought out one hundred herring.

—The New Castle Presbytery will meet in Delaware City the first week in April.

—A new picket fence is being built by the Cook Brothers around St. Paul's Catholic cemetery.

—Mr. Arthur Warterson and family of Chelton Hill, Pa., are visiting Mr. P. Gallagher this week.

—John Viney, one of the oldest colored residents of this place, died suddenly at his home in Polktown, on Monday.

—Mrs. E. J. Way of Baltimore, who formerly resided in Delaware City, is visiting friends here this week.

—Miss Josephine Weaver left on Tuesday for Wilmington, where she will make her home for the present.

—The Von Culin Incubator Company are building incubators for Danbury, Conn. and Wilsboro, N. Y. this week.

—Mrs. A. B. Holliday and daughter who have been making an extended visit to Philadelphia, returned home this week.

—Mr. J. Frank Reybold has started a grist mill at the Alexander building, which will be a great accomodation to the farmers.

—Mr. Alexander Flemming will move into one of Mr. I. H. Ubil's new houses on Washington Avenue above Third street, this week.

—A private wedding will take place in St. Paul's Catholic church on Monday, a full account of which will appear in THE TRANSCRIPT next week.

—Rt. Rev. Bishop Coleman will preach at Christ Episcopal church on Sunday morning and evening, and administer Confirmation in the evening.

—Mr. J. E. Stansbury of the Delaware City cannery is in town making arrangements with the farmers to grow small fruits and vegetables for the coming season's canning.

—Mr. William Roberts who has been laid up at his home here for several weeks, by an injured foot, has returned to Philadelphia to resume his position on the Pennsylvania railroad.

—Mr. Harry Heal opened his Chicago meat market in the H. C. Clark building this week. Mr. William J. Beck, who was formerly engaged in the meat business here, will have charge for the present.

—Mr. A. Colburn the well known member of the A. Colburn spice manufacturing company of Philadelphia, was in town on Monday and attended the meeting of the St. Georges Marsh Company, of which he is a member.

—Mrs. Bradway and daughter, Miss Lidie, who have been spending the winter at their residence on Washington Avenue, left for Atlantic City this week, where Mrs. Bradway will take charge of their new home there.

—The first herring of the season were caught in the harbor on Tuesday morning, by James Bowen, Jr. Mr. Bowen also caught the first herring last season, on the 21st of January. Large hauls of catfish, pike and carp were made here last week.

—Owen Brady, the well known barge owner, who has been running large fleets of barges through the Chesapeake & Delaware canal for a number of years, died at his home in Philadelphia last week. He left a fortune of half a million dollars.

—A burglar broke a window and entered the cellar of Mr. George Green's residence on Saturday night, but must have been frightened off, as he only took a pound of butter, and left plenty of other provisions which were at hand.

—Sinch, a genuine wild western game of cards, introduced here by Mr. Hancock, the well known horseman, has captured the amusement circle of our town, completely knocking out progressive euchre and all other games.

—The steamer Alsenbourn, of the Baltimore & New York Transportation Line, which was sunk at Reedy Island a few weeks ago, has been repaired, and passed through the canal here on Sunday, on her way to New York.

—The handsome steam yacht, Restless, formerly owned by Wm. M. Singerly of the Philadelphia Record, and recently bought by Mr. Evans of Baltimore, laid over here on Sunday, and left for Baltimore on Monday morning. Mr. Evans and a party of friends were on board.

—A social hop was given by Mr. Wakefield Townsend at his residence near Delaware City, on Tuesday evening. A number of invited guests from Wilmington, Middletnwn and Delaware City were present. The music was furnished by Prof. Ritchie of Wilmington.

—Mr. William H. Harlow, who has been engaged in the jewelry business here for several years, will move to Brooklyn, N. Y. about April 1st. Mr. Harlow is negotiating with a party to succeed him in the jewelry business here. While we are very sorry to part with Mr. Harlow we are pleased to know that we will not be left without a jeweler.

—Delaware Castle, No. 12, Knights of the Golden Eagle, will give an entertainment at Odessa Hall, Odessa, on Tuesday evening, with a bill of comedy and farce that was played to crowded houses on Christmas and New Years nights last. The boys' sword and rifle drill will be given, and the Odessa Orchestra will furnish music.

—Mr. M. W. Hibshman has fitted up his laboratory adjoining his drug store and will go extensively into the manufacture of patent medicines, flavoring extracts, poultry and horse powders, and specialties for the drug and grocery trade. Mr. Hibshman is a thoroughly competent druggist and chemist and was for several years at the head of the chemical department of Smith, Cline & Co. of Philadelphia.

—The Old District School at Assembly Hall on Tuesday evening passed off pleasantly. The night was rough and threatening and the audience was not as large as the week before. The programme was changed considerably, and some excellent music was rendered by Mrs. Bradden and Messrs. Pancoast and Vail of the Delaware City Social Orchestra. A reception will be given the performers at the rectory on Thursday evening.

—The annual meeting of the St. Georges Marsh Company was held at the Robinson house on Monday, with Mr. [illegible] Lawrence in the chair, and Mr. [illegible] T. Vail, secretary. It was a greed to [illegible] three per cent. on capital stock, and also to have a new survey and make a new plot. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: William [illegible], Robert Carpenter and Edward Bloomer, managers; A Colburn, treasurer. The following disinterested parties were elected as commissioners to assess damages whenever necessary: Henry Cleaver, James H. Clark, E. C. Reybold, John C. Higgins and John T. Cheairs. The St. Georges Marsh Company was organized in 1762, and incorporated under the old colonial government.

In Society's Whirl.

The third dance of the Y. M. S. C. in the Opera House last Thursday evening was a brilliant success. About 60 couple were present. Following are the names of those noticed by our reporter:

Miss Edith Reynolds, cream mohair, rib bon trimming; Mrs. J. F. Pennington, black silk; Miss Fannie Cochran, black velvet, diamonds and pink roses; Mrs. W. B. Biggs, white tulle over pink silk; Miss Susie Williams, china silk and pink roses; Miss Sallie Dawkins of Florida, pink silk; Miss Emma Wilson, Georgetown, Md., old rose silk, steel trimmings; Miss Minnie Massey, Masseys, Md., white tulle over pink silk; Miss Pascault, Cecilton, black net; Miss [illegible] Jones, tinseled tulle; Miss Jodie Biggs, cream cashmere and green velvet; Miss Flora Bean, light blue cashmere; Miss Blanche Cochran, white tulle over white satin; Miss Corinne Cochran, black silk and lace; Miss Mollie Cacy, pink silk; Miss Mary Ellison, Chesapeake City, black silk and green silk waist; Miss Mattie Lockwood, cream mulle; Miss Emily Janvier, McDonough, steel cashmere; Mrs. M. L. Hardcastle, black net; Miss Laurine Wilson, Elkton, light blue cashmere; Miss Ella Conrey, Chesapeake City, white silk; Miss Della Clayton, white satin; Miss Mary Brady, white tulle; Miss Mary P. Cochran, white muslin de soi; Miss Allie McKee, white silk; Miss Alice Platt, St. Augustine, white silk; Miss Irene Dushane, Galena, pink silk and black velvet; Miss Stella Cochran, black net; Miss Lidie McNamee, Earlville, black lace; Mrs. Brooks, black lace over blue silk; Miss Sappington, black net and velvet; Miss Mollie Wilson, damasse satin; Miss Rachie Wilson, pink silk and cashmere; Miss Beulah Clayton, black silk; Mrs. John P. Cochran, Jr., black net; Mrs. T. E. Lindley, blue silk; Miss Levis, Elkton, white silk and violets; Miss Olive Hilyard, Dover, cream lace over satin; Miss Mary Cannon, Dover, pink silk; Miss Bessie Collison, Dover, cream lace over Mohair; Miss Mame Culbreth, Dover, black net and gold passementrie; Miss Rumford, Wilmington, black velvet and yellow silk; Miss Bertie Wilson, Elkton, black lace; Miss Helen Naudain, black net; Miss Bessie Reynolds, blue henrietta and velvet; Miss Mary Cochran, dark blue cashmere; Miss Loraine, Chesapeake City, pink cashmere and tulle; Miss Emma Pennwell, Dover, dotted tulle with lavender trimmings; Miss Agnes Lockwood, white china silk; Miss Lockwood, figured silk; Miss Bessie Morton, pink cashmere; Mrs. E. R. Cochran, cream albatross; Mrs. W. F. Kennedy, white silk and passementrie; Miss Carrie Brady, Chesapeake City, black net; Mrs. H. P. Smithers, chaperone for the Dover party, light blue cashmere and white silk; Mrs. C. E. Poole, pink mulle and black velvet trimmings; Miss McWhorter, St. Georges, black silk; Miss Julia Clever, black silk.

The gentlemen present were J. P. Cochran, Jr., W. B. Biggs, M. L. Hardcastle, Dr. W. F. Kennedy, F. J. Pennington, T. E. Lindley, E. R. Cochran, Jr., A. M. Chamberlaine, C. J. Perkins, D. M. Cochran, W. R. Reynolds, Clarence Clayton, Warren Cochran, Frank I. Reynolds, Will. Lockwood, Dr. H. B. McDowell, J. C. Kelley, Middletown; E. Mortimer Bye, G. Parke Postles, Howard Craig, Wilmington; T. J. Conrey, Bennett Steele, Henry Brady, Frank Howard, Harry Howard, Frank Vansant, Chesapeake City; Mr. Imhoff, Philadelphia; Walter Wilson, Eddie Wilson, Alex Wilson, Elk Neck; Herman Ireland, Kennedyville; Mr. Pascault, E. J. Davis, Cecilton; W. H. Cacy, Masseys; Will Janvier, Frank, How and and Clarence Pool, McDonough; F. D. Strickland, Clayton; Howard Culbreth, Will. Pennewell, Wm. Saulsbury, P. L. Cooper, Mr. Smithers, Dover; F. B. Watkins, C. Watkins, Alex Corbit, John Watkins, Odessa; Boyd Cleaver, Port Penn; Harry M. McCollough, Alex H. Reynolds, R. G. Reese, J. E. Wilson, Alex Evans, Harry Clemsen, Elkton; Harry Griffith, Sassafras; Charles Hall, Frederica.

New Advertisements.

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Dwelling House

and stable, corner of Green and Church Sts. Bath room, furnace, hot and cold water. Possession given March 25th. Apply to

THOS. E. LINDLEY,
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THE TWO PRETTY AND CONVENIENT

Houses on Cass Street,

lately remodelled and in excellent condition. Bath rooms, hot and cold water, and electric light. Possession of one given immediately and the other on 25th of March. Apply to

janl-tf G. E. HUKILL.

FOR RENT.

THE FARM, late of William Homewood, deceased, situated south of P. W. & B. Rail road at Newark, containing about 112 acres. Possession given March 25th. Apply to

SECURITY TRUST & SAFE DEPOSIT Co.,
519 Market St., Wilmington, Del.

NOTICE.

THE STATED ANNUAL MEETING of The Mutual Loan Association of Townsend, Del., will be held at the office of George M. D. Hart, on Monday evening, February 9th, 1891, at 7 o'clock, at which time three (3) directors will be elected to serve three years, and stock of the ninth series will be for sale.

W. A. SCOTT, Secretary.

Townsend, Del., Feb. 2d. feb5-1t

LOST.

A [illegible] HOUND, on February [illegible], with black and yellow [illegible] yellow head, strap on [illegible] Craven, Salem, N. J. [illegible] reward will be paid for information leading to recovery of the same.

J. P. COCHRAN, [illegible]

Public Sales.

EXECUTOR'S SALE
— OF —
PERSONAL PROPERTY

The undersigned, as executor of the estate of William Green, deceased, will sell at public sale at the late residence of Mr. Green, in Middletown, Del.,

On THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19,

At 10 o'clock A. M., sharp,

The following personal property, viz:

TEN HEAD OF
HORSES, COLTS, MULES.

No. 1—DEL, brown horse, 6 years old.
No. 2—BOB, bay horse, 16 years old.
No 3—JERRY, bay colt, 3 years old.
No. 4—CHARLEY, bay horse, 12 years old.
No. 5—LADY, weanling colt,
No. 6—LIZZIE, bay mare, 8 years old.
No. 7—JACK, bay horse, 8 years old.
No. 8—Bay colt, 2 years old.
Nos. 9 and 10—Pair brown mules, 8 years old, sound and gentle.

16 Head of Milch Cows,
One Heifer and one Bull.

FARMING IMPLEMENTS:

1 Osborne mower, 1 Buckeye drill, 1 corn dropper and planter, 1 horse rake, 1 grain fan, 1 corn sheller, 3 peach bodies with springs; 1 peach culler, 1 seed sower, 30 grain bags, 120 berry crates, 3 peach ladders, 20 peach crates, 1 carriage (phæton), 1 York carriage, 1 surrey, 1 two-seated extension top phæton, 2 carriage poles, 2 sets carriage harness, 9 sets plow harness, 2 sets wagon harness, 9 bridles and collars, 1 riding saddle, forks, hoes, shovels, etc., 7 milk cans, 2 Osborne reapers, 1 mower, 1 corn marker, scythe and cradle and brier scythe, 2 grind stones, reaper trucks, 1 dearborn tongue, 1 orchard cultivator, 3 farm wagons, 2 orchard wagons, 2 twin harrows, 2 plows, 3 iron cultivators, 1 Jersey cultivator, 3 Syracuse and 2 single plows. ☞ Lot of clover hay.

Some Household Furniture.

Also, one lock safe and many other articles too numerous to mention.

TERMS—A credit of 8 months will be given with additional particulars made known on day of sale.

DR. T. H. GILPIN,
S. M. ENOS, Auct. EXECUTOR.

PUBLIC SALE
— OF —
Personal Property!

The undersigned, agent for the heirs of Susan B. Ellison, deceased, will sell at public sale, on their farm, one mile west of Summit Bridge, Delaware,

On Tuesday, February 24th,

At 10 o'clock A. M. sharp,

The following Personal Property, to wit:

13 HEAD OF HORSES.

No. 1—JIM B., 16 hands high, 9 years old, a beautiful bay, dark points, and a perfect family driver; fearless of steam.

No. 2—FANNIE, standard, 15½ hands high, foaled April 22d, 1885, sired by Gilt Edge, dam by Slasher, dun color, with white mane and tail, fine driver perfectly gentle and fearless of steam.

No. 3—MINNIE H., 15½ hands high, sired by Hawthorne, foaled April 26th, 1887, dam by Slasher, a mare with speed, perfectly quiet, well broken to the road and all kinds of work; in foal by Summit, a son of Cuyler Clay.

No. 4—MAY 2D., a bay filly, foaled May 23, 1890, sire Red Cedar, dam by Slasher, a promising colt with good gait.

Dam of Fannie and May 2d, was May sired by Slasher.—(Wallace Trotting Register, Vo. 2d.)

No. 5—DEXTER, bay horse, foaled May 5th, 1886, 16 hands high, fine driver and works to all kinds of harness.

No. 6—LUCY, bay mare, 12 years old, 15 hands high, a good driver and will work any-where.

No. 7—JENNIE, bay mare, 7 years old, 15½ hands high, a fine brood mare and works any-where.

No. 8—NELLIE, roan mare, 13 years old, 5 hands high, first-class worker.

No. 9—HARRY, roan horse, 16 hands high, 17 years old a fine work horse.

No. 10—BILLY, sorrel roan horse, 16 hands high, 16 years old, and a most excellent work horse.

No. 11—DAISY, bay mare, 5 year old, 15½ hands high, fine driver and a most excellent worker.

No. 12—BEN, bay horse 3 years old, 15½ hand high, good driver and will work anywhere.

No. 13—JUMBO, bay horse, 13 years old, good work horse.

34 Head of Cattle,

Of which 28 Head are Milch Cows, 4 Heifers and 2 Bulls.

These Cows are nearly all home raised and superior butter cows, all graded Jersey and Durham stock, 4 with calves by their side, others in profit by day of sale. 1 Holsten Bull and 1 Durham Bull, 22 head of Shoats and 3 Brood Sows with pigs.

FARMING IMPLEMENTS:

Consisting of 2 Farm Wagons, all iron axle; 1 Milk Wagon; 1 new Surrey Carriage, 1 Germantown Carriage, 1 York Carriage, 1 Buckboard, 2 Carriage Poles, 1 Ochard Wagon, 1 Grain and Phosphate Drill, in good order; 1 Osborne Self-binder, in perfect order; 1 Champion Mower, 1 Hay Tedder 1 Hay Rake, 1 Roller, 5 Oliver Chilled Plows, 1 Sulkey Plow, 2 Corn Plows, 1 Climax Disc Harrow, 3 Twin Harrows, 1 Corn Marker, 1 Corn Sheller, 1 Fan, 1 Peach Body, with springs; Lawn Mower, and Garden Tools, Cultivators, 3 sets Wagon Harness, 1 set double Carriage Harness, Plow Harness, Collars, Bridles, &c., and many other articles not herein mentioned.

Also, 100 bushels Early Rose and Bur